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I. Military SituationHighlights

The three-pronged UN drive on Pyongyang maintained its momentum with leading elements of the US 1st Cavalry Division capturing Namchonjom and advancing northeast to Sinmak. One ROK column approached Suan and another column further to the east advanced eight miles north of Koksan. UN carrier and ground based aircraft continued attacks on lines of communication throughout North Korea.

Ground

US 1st Cavalry Division troops, advancing toward Pyongyang along the main north-south rail line, overcame heavy enemy resistance to capture Namchonjom; advance elements of the division moved northwest to the town of Sinmak. In central Korea, two ROK columns continued their advance against moderate opposition. The ROK 1st Division approached Suan, 27 miles north of Namchonjom, and the ROK 8th Division moved eight miles north of Koksan. In the Wonsan area, elements of the ROK Capital Division advanced beyond Yonghung to within 24 miles of Hamhung. In South Korea, extensive patrol action was maintained to clean up enemy pockets in the Hamchang area.

Navy

Minesweeping operations continued off both coasts. Carrier-based aircraft struck at lines of communication along the east and west coasts of North Korea.

Air

Another ineffective enemy bombing attack has been made on Kimpo airfield. Pilots reported a lighted runway in the Haeju area

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in enemy-held territory. UN land-based aircraft flew 441 missions, including 251 combat sorties. Eight cargo flights were made into the recently-captured Wonsan airfield.

II. General Situation

No significant developments have been reported in the past 48 hours.

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